June 27, 1990

Dr. Fran Wheeler, Director
Center for Health Promotion
SCDHEC
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Dr. Wheeler:

This letter is written as a pledge of support from the Palmetto State Teachers Association for the Project ASSIST application. Our executive board voted, at its June 26, 1990, meeting to participate in a coalition to control smoking and tobacco in South Carolina. We are confident that the S. C. Department of Health & Environmental Control and the American Cancer Society are capable of supporting the coalition project.

PSTA recognizes the severe problem that we have in South Carolina with tobacco-related illnesses and deaths. We also recognize the important role that education plays in a person's decision to use or not use tobacco products. Teachers can play a premier role in helping students decide not to use tobacco products.

Our executive director, Dr. Elizabeth Gressette, will serve as PSTA's representative on the coalition. She will be happy to serve in any way.

Sincerely,

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